

Proposal 3:

Changes to motor vehicle licence and registration fees

NOTE: This is a summary of Proposal 3. To read the full proposal in the consultation document, go to our website www.nzta.govt.nz/funding-and-fees

Who this affects

All people who own a motor vehicle.

What we're proposing

- Changes to many fees for vehicle licensing and registration
- Increasing the amount paid to renew your rego, and to register a vehicle for the first time.

Why we're proposing this

To make sure fees charged reflect the actual costs of providing the services.

What's the difference between registration and 'rego'?

'Registration' only happens once for most vehicles, when they've arrived in New Zealand and are first going to be used on the road. It's a one-off fee to add a vehicle's details to the Motor Vehicle Register (MVR). When the vehicle is added to the register, Waka Kotahi issues number plates for it.

Vehicles also need a current licence, which is the small label that sits in the bottom left-hand side of your windscreen – commonly called a 'rego'. To get a rego, a vehicle must have a current Warrant of Fitness (WoF) or Certificate of Fitness (CoF) and it must be registered.

Waka Kotahi services

For vehicle licensing and registration, Waka Kotahi contracts agents like NZ Post, VTNZ, and AA to provide face-to-face services like replacing licence plates, putting licences on hold, personalised licence plates, and registering overseas vehicles. Other motor vehicle licence (rego) and registration services are delivered through our customer service centre in Palmerston North.

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These tables only cover some of the most common fees. For all fees, see the consultation document or our website, www.nzta.govt.nz/funding-and-fees

Proposed new fees (GST inclusive)

Service	Forecasted Annual Volumes	Current fee	Estimated fee if Proposal 1 unsuccessful
VINs			
VIN/Re-VIN LV	192,971	\$8.10	\$11.28

Proposed new fees that go UP (GST inclusive)

Service	Forecasted Annual Volumes	Current fee	Proposed fee	Change %	Estimated fee if Proposal 1 unsuccessful	Change %
Renewal of motor vehicle licence (rego) (MR1/MR1B)						
Agent	3,248,550	\$7.20	\$11.57	61%	\$14.75	105%
Industry Agent	269,958	\$2.79	\$7.56	171%	\$10.74	285%
Mail	5,696	\$2.99	\$13.46	350%	\$16.65	457%
Online	2,434,014	\$4.10	\$8.24	101%	\$11.42	179%

Service	Forecasted Annual Volumes	Current fee	Proposed fee	Change %	Estimated fee if Proposal 1 unsuccessful	Change %
Registering a vehicle						
Register a vehicle with VIN (MR2A) through an Agent (excludes cost of licence plate)	138,420	\$7.40	\$13.78	86%	\$16.96	129%
Register a vehicle with VIN (MR2A) through an Industry Agent (excludes cost of licence plate)	67,747	\$7.40	\$8.15	10%	\$11.33	53%
Register a vehicle with exempt VIN (MR2B) (excludes cost of licence plate) through an Industry Agent	26,619	\$7.40	\$14.08	90%	\$17.26	133%
Apply for replacement licence label (MR6)						
Agent	224,541	\$4.31	\$13.65	217%	\$16.84	291%
Phone	13,968	\$4.31	\$14.84	244%	\$18.03	318%
Cancel a vehicle registration (MR15)						
Agent	84,536	\$9.10	\$9.56	5%	\$12.74	40%
Plates						
Personalised plates (MR19/MR6A/MR6L)*	18,159	\$20.96	\$33.18	58%	\$36.36	73%
Replacement plates (MR6A)*	81,253	\$20.96	\$27.70	32%	\$30.89	47%
Supplementary plates (MR6S)*	7,118	\$20.96	\$23.46	12%	\$26.64	27%
New plates (After a MR2a/b) - Motorcycles, mopeds and tractors - Agent	239,892	\$8.74	\$13.03	49%	\$20.46	134%
New plates (After a MR2a/b) - Trailers - Agent		\$9.45	\$13.03	38%	\$20.46	116%
New plates (After a MR2a/b) - All other vehicles - Agent*		\$14.51	\$17.27	19%	\$20.46	41%
Other fees						
Vehicle Licence Invoice (MRIC)	117,505	\$4.10	\$13.34	225%	\$16.53	303%

Proposed fees that go **DOWN** (GST inclusive)

Service	Forecasted Annual Volumes	Current fee	Proposed fee	Change %	Estimated fee if Proposal 1 unsuccessful	Change %
Endorsements						
Re-register a vehicle - previously cancelled / lapsed (MR2A/B) (excludes cost of licence plate)	7,965	\$7.40	\$5.95	-20%	\$9.13	23%
Plates						
Duplicate plates (MR6B)*	9,080	\$20.95	\$16.31	-30%	\$19.50	-16%
Trade plates - renew*	5,814	\$38.43	\$15.27	-60%	\$18.45	-52%

*fee is for two plates.

Fees that would be replaced

Note: discontinued individual fees are now grouped, and costs are spread evenly across all users in that group.

Service	Forecasted Annual Volumes	Current fee	Proposed group charge
Fees relating to vehicles and plates			
Exemption from continuous vehicle licensing - MR 24	654,306	\$0 to \$7.19	MVR data users
Application to change licence exp date to match WoF	92,748	\$7.20	MVR data users
Other			
Change registered person - buyer or acquirer (MR13B)	1,038,365	\$9.00	MVR data users group
Automatic Distance Assessments	78,344	\$6.84	MVR data users group
Various Motochek fees	56,000,200	\$0.02-\$9.78	MVR data users group